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**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 14, 2009
TIME: 1:00 pm
PLACE: New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Commissioner's Room

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

MARK BECKER, Vice Chair
Co-Director of Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network

BOB CEBERIO, Trustee
NJMC Executive Director

GREG REMAUD, Trustee
NY/NJ Baykeeper

MARC SCHRIEKS, NJMC Delegate
NJMC Manager Intergovernmental Affairs

ALSO PRESENT:

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ
Deputy Attorney General

ABSENT

HON. MAYOR DENNIS ELWELL, Meadowlands District Mayor's Council Delegate
Mayor of Secaucus, NJ

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

MICHAEL GONNELLI, NJDCA Delegate
NJMC Commissioner

1. Chairman Bill Sheehan presided over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 1:15 pm.

2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the May 14, 2009 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

3. Adopted the minutes from the December 18, 2008 MCT BOT meeting. Vice Chair Becker made the motion, Trustee Remaud seconded it and it unanimously carried. Adoption of the minutes from the February 4, 2009 MCT BOT was postponed because of a lack of quorum made up of board members that also attended the February 4, 2009 meeting. The February 4, 2009 meeting minutes will be resubmitted for adoption at the next board of trustees meeting scheduled for June 18, 2009.

4. Resolutions:

- A. Consideration of Resolution accepting the 2008 Audit Report covering the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Operations (Resolution 09-01)

Resolution 09-01 motion was made by Trustee Ceberio, seconded by Trustee Remaud and unanimously carried.

- B. Consideration of Resolution accepting the form to create a "Friends of Skeetkill Marsh Park" (Resolution 09-02)

After discussion, the board decided to put Resolution 09-02 on hold and come back to it after more research is completed.

- C. Consideration of Resolution 09 – 03 to rewrite Resolution 08 – 06 for acquiring from the Township of Teaneck a Conservation Easement on 662 Pomander Walk, Teaneck, NJ in the amount of \$100,000. (Resolution 09-03)

Resolution 09-03 motion was made by Trustee Remaud, seconded by Vice Chair Becker and unanimously carried.

5. Public Comment: Beth Ravit suggested we look at the Teaneck Conservancy's model for a possible "Friends of Skeetkill Organization".

6. Presentation: Peg McBrien of The Louis Berger Group represented The EarthMark consortium by presenting their design plans, permit updates, etc. to the board for Phase I of the Kane Tract Wetland Mitigation Bank.

7. Chairman's Report: None

8. Trustees' Report: None

9. Executive Director's Report:

Skeetkill: MCT had a Skeetkill Clean up Day with volunteers from Genzyme Biosurgery, Inc., the Ridgefield Slocum Skewes 7th and 8th grade Environmental Club and other individuals from the public. A plastic litter fence was installed at Skeetkill to prevent debris from coming onto the property coming mostly from a neighboring business, Cosmetic Essence, Inc. (CEI). Thirty plus bird boxes were put out at Skeetkill. Joan and Don used some compost donated to the Trust to do some plantings to deter the growth of invasive plant species.

License Plates: The state is aiming to get rid of the specialty license plates and replacing them with decals. Seventeen plus organizations that already have specialty license plates are trying to work something out with the state where the existing specialty plates would be grandfathered in instead of the state doing away with these plates and the funding they provide for these organizations.

Lower 43: The issue of the faulty Moonachie tidegate came up and how that will effect the lower 43 acres of the Kane Tract. MCT may be taking over MRI's Lot 5 which is adjacent to the Kane Tract lower 43 acres and also susceptible to flooding when the tidegate fails. The board must think about what direction MCT will take concerning Lot 5, the Kane Tract lower 43 acres and the eminent flooding that will come when the tidegate fails.

10. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the NJMC Commission Room at Two DeKorte Park Plaza.

11. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:50 pm and unanimously carried.

Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director

Board of Trustees	Resolution 09-01	Resolution 09-02 tabled	Resolution 09-03
Chairman Bill Sheehan	Y	-	Y
Vice Chair Mark Becker	Y	-	2
Trustee Greg Remaud	2	-	1
Trustee Abigail Fair	-	-	-
Trustee Bob Ceberio	1	-	Y
Mayor Dennis Elwell	-	-	-
Delegate Michael Gonnelli	-	-	-